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1. INFORMAL MINI-GROUP OF CULTURAL SUBCOMMITTEE HAS REACHED AD REFERENDUM AGREEMENT ON MOST PARAGRAPHS OF TEXT ON ABOVE SUBJECT, WHICH IS TRANSMITTED BELOW. MAJOR POINT OF CONTINUING DISAGREEMENT IS SOVIET DEMAND FOR REFERENCE TO "DETENTE IN EUROPE." SOVIET FORMULATION (PARAGRAPH 3 BELOW) IS UNACCEPTABLE TO ALLIES AND NEUTRALS. WE PLAN TO CONTINUE OUR SUPPORT FOR WESTERN EFFORTS TO OBTAIN IMPROVED LANGUAGE ON THIS POINT, PROBABLY ALONG LINES OF RELEVANT PARAGRAPH IN PREAMBLE TO INFORMATION.

BEGIN TEXT. (INFORMAL TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH ORIGINAL)
THE PARTICIPATING STATES,

(1) CONSIDERING THAT CULTURAL EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION CONTRIBUTE TO A BETTER COMPREHENSION AMONG MEN AND AMONG PEOPLES, AND THUS PROMOTE A LASTING UNDERSTANDING AMONG STATES.

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(2) CONFIRMING THE INTENTIONS ALREADY EXPRESSED IN THIS FIELD AT THE MULTILATERAL LEVEL, PARTICULARLY AT THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE ON CULTURAL POLICIES IN EUROPE, ORGANIZED BY UNESCO IN HELSINKI IN JUNE 1972, AT WHICH THERE WAS MADE EVIDENT INTEREST IN THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF WIDER SOCIAL GROUPS IN A MORE DIVERSIFIED CULTURAL LIFE,

(3) SOVIET PROPOSAL: "DESIRING WITH THE PROGRESS OF DETENTE IN EUROPE TO GIVE TO THIS MOVEMENT A STRONGER STIMULUS AND GREATER SCOPE;" EC-NINE IS CURRENTLY CONSIDERING COUNTER-PROPOSAL TO UNACCEPTABLE SOVIET LANGUAGE.

(4) PREPARED IN THIS SPIRIT TO INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY THEIR CULTURAL EXCHANGES, WITH REGARD TO PERSONS AND CULTURAL WORKS, AND TO DEVELOP AMONG THEM AN ACTIVE COOPERATION, BOTH ON THE BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL LEVEL, IN ALL THE FIELDS OF CULTURE.

(5) CONVINCED THAT SUCH DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR MUTUAL RELATIONS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ENRICHMENT OF THE RESPECTIVE CULTURES, WHILE RESPECTING THE ORIGINALITY OF EACH, AS WELL AS TO REINFORCE AMONG THEM A CONSCIOUSNESS OF COMMON VALUES, WHILE CONTINUING TO DEVELOP CULTURAL COOPERATION WITH OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD (AUTRES REGIONS DU MONDE).

(6) DECLARE FOR THEMSELVES THE FOLLOWING COMMON OBJECTIVES:

- A. TO DEVELOP THE MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WITH A VIEW TO A BETTER KNOWLEDGE OF THE RESPECTIVE CULTURAL ACHIEVEMENTS,
- B. TO IMPROVE THE FACILITIES FOR EXCHANGES AND THE DISSEMINATION OF CULTURAL PROPERTY,
- C. TO PROMOTE ACCESS BY ALL TO THE RESPECTIVE CULTURAL ACHIEVEMENTS,
- D. TO DEVELOP CONTACTS AND COOPERATION AMONG PERSONS ACTIVE IN THE FIELD OF CULTURE,
- E. TO SEEK NEW FIELDS AND NEW FORMS OF CULTURAL COOPERATION.

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TURAL COOPERATION.

(7)1 THUS STATING THEIR COMMON WILL TO TAKE PROGRESSIVE, COHERENT AND LONG-TERM ACTION IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PRESENT (DECLARATION) (...), AND EXPRESS THE INTENTION TO APPLY FROM NOW ON, THE MEASURES CONTAINED IN THE FOLLOWING (RESOLUTION) (...) ON CULTURAL EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION: END TEXT.

2. COMMENT: DURING DISCUSSIONS ON TEXT IN MINI-GROUP, SOVIETS HAVE STRESSED THAT ACCEPTANCE OF COMMON OBJECTIVES IN PARAGRAPH (6) IS DEPENDENT ON INCLUSION OF REFERENCE TO DETENTE IN PARAGRAPH (3). ALLIES AND NEUTRALS AGREE THAT SOVIET FORMULA IS UNACCEPTABLE, BUT ARE PREPARED CONSIDER LANGUAGE ALONG LINES OF THIRD PARAGRAPH OF PREAMBLE TO INFORMATION. ALLIES ARE ALSO CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF MAKING EVEN THIS CONCESSION CONDITIONAL UPON SOVIET AGREEMENT TO DROP ESCAPE CLAUSE IN INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE TO TEXT ON CONTACTS AMONG CREATIVE ARTISTS (REF. C).

3. SOVIETS HAVE ALSO MADE CLEAR THAT THEY CANNOT ACCEPT WORDS "DECLARATION" "RESOLUTION" IN PARAGRAPH (7), BUT HAVE NOT YET ADVANCED SPECIFIC COUNTER-PROPOSAL FOR THIS PARAGRAPH.

4. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, WE PLAN TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ALLIES POSITION ON PARAGRAPH (3), ESPECIALLY AS WE SEE NO REASON TO GIVE SOVIETS MORE HERE THAN WEST WAS ABLE TO ACHIEVE IN PREAMBLE TO INFORMATION. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE DO NOT SHARE FRENCH DESIRE TO GIVE CULTURE SECTION SPECIAL PROMINENCE BY CALLING IT A "DECLARATION" (PARAGRAPH (7), AND PLAN PLAY PASSIVE ROLE ON THIS POINT.

5. IN ADDITION TO QUESTION OF PREAMBLE, THERE NOW REMAIN THREE OTHER MAJOR UNRESOLVED ISSUES IN CULTURAL SUBCOMMITTEE: (A) DELETION OF ABOVE-MENTIONED ESCAPE CLAUSE IN TEXT ON CONTACTS AMONG CREATIVE ARTISTS (REF C); (B) DUTCH TEXT ON CONTACTS BETWEEN AUTHORS AND PUBLISHING HOUSES (REF D); AND (C) YUGOSLAV DESIRE FOR SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO ROLE OF NATIONAL MINORITIES IN CULTURAL COOPERATION. AS
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DEPARTMENT AWARE, THIS ISSUE CUTS ACROSS EAST/WEST LINES AND HAS NOT EVEN AS YET BEEN RAISED IN CULTURAL SUBCOMMITTEE, PENDING OUTCOME OF STALEMATED NEGOTIATIONS ON SUBJECT IN SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION. DALE

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